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The Big Bang

National Finals of the Science and Engineering Awards, Birmingham NEC 16th - 17th March 2016

After an early start we arrived at the NEC; and as soon as we entered the arena we were greeted with the sight of the Bloodhound (a car powered by jets that is hoping to break the land speed record and travel at 1000 miles per hour). We quickly set up our stand and explored our surroundings. One of the first stands to catch our eye was the 'Medical school', with dissected pigs heads and model patients that you could try 'operating on'.

There was little time to explore further as judging was due to take place throughout the day. A chance encounter with Miss Scott gave the team a chance to practice their pitch; we were now ready for the official judges. The team performed well, speaking with clarity and enthusiasm. The judges asked some searching questions, but the team were not fazed and answered with aplomb.

At the end of the day we had front row seats to see the

'Hollywood special effects show'. The show started with fireballs and explosions. This was followed by demonstrations of how computer generated imagery is used, and then moved on to look at horror special effects. A 'willing' volunteer was chosen and he soon had blood dripping down his arm as they showed how props can be adapted to give the illusion of slicing through flesh! We then headed back to our hotel for a well earned rest.

Day two involved celebrity judging: although we were warned they would be very busy and most stands would not get a visit. Clearly this was not what we wanted to hear. Jack was on a mission, and he did not let us down. Ben Miller was spotted and Jack quickly escorted him to our stand. Ben was brilliant, he signed everyone's certificates and even posed for photos. Space scientist Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock was also spotted and, yet again, she was enticed to our stand to hear about our 'Too many cooks' project. We then joined the queue for the final awards ceremony. Unfortunately we did not win; but it was a great experience. The challenge is now passed onto Year 9 - who are currently working on their crest award projects. Who will be picked to represent the school at the regionals, and will anyone make it to the Nationals next year...?













Head Teacher Update

Firstly, a huge thank you to the students, parents, carers and staff who contributed so generously to last week's fundraising. The non-uniform day and Easter egg raffle raised over £2000. The student charity committee had already decided to divide the money raised between Sport Relief and the Pontesbury Library appeal.

The Spring term, as always, has been incredibly busy. In almost every curriculum area students have been taking part in local and national competitions and events. Once again we had teams at the national CREST finals. Congratulations to all those involved.

Last week the school was awarded Champion School status by the National Citizen Service Trust. This represents tremendous endeavours by our older students over the past two years. The National Citizen programme is a four week experience for 15 to 17 year old students. It takes place over the summer holidays, providing a mixture of adventure activities, skills development and social action. Over the past two years, Mary Webb School has had great success in securing places for students. If you would like to know more, please contact Mr Jervis or visit <u>www.ncsyes.co.uk.</u>





Finally, I wish all members of the school community a happy and peaceful Easter. A special mention needs to go to Year 11 students who will be trying to balance the demands of revision with the need to recover from a busy and demanding term.

A. J. Smith 21st March 2016

<u>inspirational sparks</u>

Ben Griffiths

Mary Webb School 1991 - 1996 St Thomas & St Anne's CE Primary School, Hanwood

After leaving Mary Webb, Ben did a four year apprenticeship with Jaguar Cars in Shrewsbury to gain an NVQ level in motor mechanics. He also attended Shrewsbury College on day release to gain a City & Guilds in Motor Vehicle Repair. He started Dave Griffiths Racing Ltd in 2000.

Ben specializes in historic Le Mans Prototype Porsche race cars, primarily the Porsche 917K. He is currently being trained in Germany to rebuild the 12 cylinder engine for the Porsche 917K.



In 2010 Ben ran the Porsche 917K and the Le Mans Classic event and his two drivers, Richard Attwood and Vern Schuppan were both Le Mans winners.

Ben also works for Gulf Racing UK which race in various modern GT racing championships around the world. These include ELMS and Blancpain endurance series. During the Winter months they competed in the Gulf 12hrs in Abu Dhabi and the Dubai 24Hrs in Dubai. The cars of Gulf Racing UK





consist of, Aston Martin, Lamborghini, McLaren and Porsche.

Ben is general technician for Gulf Racing UK with the main focus being the engines. He is also responsible for the set up and maintenance of the fuel rigs. During the pit stop sequence he refuels the car.

Mrs Jones : Head of Science

What was your moment of inspiration to do better in life / want to succeed?

At school I liked Maths, Science, P.E. and Pottery (yes pottery!) in that order, but I had no idea of what I wanted to do when I left school. The only thing I was certain of was that I was not going to be a teacher. My Mum is a teacher and she has perfect spelling, beautiful hand writing and loves researching history; traits I do not possess.

Then when I was studying A level Chemistry my teacher helped to explain how the structure of a material determined it's properties and that scientists could make new materials and manipulate them to have different properties; for example super strong metal alloys or plastics that could conduct electricity. I now knew what I wanted to study at University.

After working in the metal industry for a few years I got bored and wanted a new challenge. So I quit and became a Science teacher, everyone knows they get to do the best experiments, and working with young people ensures no two days are ever the same. So it just goes to show that you may think you know what you want to do or don't want to do, but it's important to keep an open mind!

What inspires you now?

This will sound cheesy but seeing the look of awe when someone sees an amazing experiment for the first time, or when someone moves from knowing what will happen in an experiment to explaining why it happens. Also reading about a new discovery or invention and thinking about the effect it could have on people's lives.





SPORT AT MARY WEBB

PE Commendations

Each half term, the PE department nominate pupils for a PE commendation. This can be from work in lessons, or from a sporting achievement. Here are the winners from the Spring 2016 term:

Pip Roberts (7B)

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> For being a conscientious and hardworking young man, who is always ready to represent the school in any capacity we ask of him.



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Abigail Hayward (8S)

For her continued effort and determination to succeed in activities that she doesn't find easy.

Shannon Heath (9K)

For her dedication to improving her skill acquisition. Shannon is a talented games player in both skill and mind. It has been lovely to see her apply and share this attribute.





Aaron Davies (10C)

For his dedication to his studies, with some lovely theory work being produced.

Matt Edwards (11C)





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For completing all tasks set and for completing an excellent fitness unit of work.

SPORT AT MARY WEBB

ARCHERY I go to County squad training once a month. This includes clingy band, cardiovascular activity and shooting with coaching. I also go to the National Sports Centre in Lilleshall. This means that I get Olympic coaches, for example Lloyd Brown, coaching me. I also have clingy band and bow drills that I have to complete regularly. I am aiming to get into the Archery Academy. This would be a big achievement, since only 60 people are chosen to be in it from the whole of the UK. I will find out in August.



I attend as many competitions as I can and hopefully I will be attending the outdoor nationals in July. I usually take part in smaller competitions aswell, and these are usually Portsmouth rounds. A Portsmouth round is 5 dozen arrows at 20 yards. You might also like to know that my goal is to win gold at the Olympics.



Lauren Rawlings, 8B

High School 6-3.

Congratulations to the Year 7

Netball team who beat Shrewsbury



Netball District Finals : Year 10 Tuesday 15th March 2016

Well done to the Year 10 netball team who came 3rd overall. Well done!

Netball District Finals : Year 8 and 9 Wednesday 16th March 2016

There were some hard fought games and we are awaiting to find out our final position.

Under 13's Cricket Finals: TCAT

15th March 2016

"On Tuesday 15th March 2016, me and some of my friends from school played in the county cricket tournament. It was a brilliant experience for all of us and such great fun! We came 5th in the whole county. It was a great confidence booster and we all had a good time. I can't wait for next year's Under 15's." Tyler Scott, 8B

> Well done to Emily Churms (7S) who has received the Under 11 female Cricketer of the Year award.

Rugby

Year 7 boys won the district final in rugby and have qualified for the county games.

Well done!

Congratulations to Cora Morris, 9C, who came 3rd in her ballet exam.

Well done Cora!





Christmas comes around every year, and every year sees Mary Webb School's Year 9 students produce a pantomime that provides howls and hoots of laughter in a grand performance at the end of term. December 2015 was no exception. In the good spirit of Christmas, the staff also joined in this year with their take on "A Christmas Carol" written by Miss Sharp.

Some superb performances from Year 9 students; in particular I'd like to mention Pip King, who gave the best performance of an evilstepmother I've seen in panto. She was magnificent. The ironic dwarf - Lanky - was also entertaining, standing a full head or two above all of the other dwarfs. I've always been led to believe that pirates were full of mischief and mayhem, but the pirates that 9C produced were the laziest and funniest bunch to adorn our stage!

You'd think that the staff would know better and have a bit more sense than the Year 9s - clearly not though! Lots of madcap costumes and props as well as a routine to Ghostbusters that will be indelibly printed on my mind ... for all the wrong reasons!

A huge thank you to Miss Sharp, Miss Swancott and the tech crew - without you the evening wouldn't have happened in quite the way that it did!

Another sell-out evening of merriment ...make sure that you catch 2016's!

Mrs Clewlow

Music at the Showcase

The Christmas Showcase was another opportunity for an audience to come and see the "Boys' Voices" choir give an excellent and humorous rendition of an old favourite. This time it was Christmas tunes and Charlie Howard, Oliver Williams, Oliver Hervey, Matthew Cross, Kristian Blyth, Alex Tompkinson and Ashley Cole performed, "Not Perfect" by Tim Minchin and "White Christmas" The boys'

harmonies were melodic and clear and very entertaining

The event was also another opportunity for the Mary Webb Choir to sing and they gave us their rendition of "Jingle Bells", "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman".

The choir is made up of the following students: Millie Holloway, Chloe Price, Melody Cooke, Annie Morris, Megan Allen-Brown, Toby Irvine, Renars Spons, Megan Richards, Nia Thomas, Jack Thompson and Anne Deliry.

95 – Sinderella

A play on the traditional 'Cinderella' saw 9S performing a modern take on this fairy tale. Not so "happy ever after", with Sinderella herself being banished to a rat-infested cellar. Along the way we meet a group of her gangster cronies - her

'homies'. Robin Hood and his Merry Men fail to save the day, that glory is left to the Russian spies and Jeremy Kyle's skeleton-esque bodyguard.

hosts of the show. Not to mention, special appearances from Brooklyn Beckham, Maleficent and Justin Bieber himself!

Some excellent performances by 9C

Well done, 9S!

9C – Peter Pan

Peter Pan takes the Darling children on an adventure of a lifetime back to Neverland, where they encountered a love-sick Miss Smee, an angry Captain Hook and perhaps the laziest bunch of pirates ever! Wendy, who was a slightly grumpier version than the original, had to work hard to keep the boys in check too; all they wanted was a good time!

Some exceptional performances in this production, some totally unexpected and made me a proud teacher: Isabelle Roberts made a wonderful Wendy, Beverly Dela Cruz shone as Miss Smee and Josh



Willett, made a dastardly Captain Hook. Becky Butler was an impish Peter and Ambrose Hummerstone's Michael was so posh it was brilliant!

Well done 9C!

'Share the wealth' (A Christmas Carol) A rip-roaring performance from all actors



in the staff pantomime this year! We saw Scrooge take on a twisting and momentous journey into his past life. Met by ghosts and bad memories from the past: giant turkeys; a 'masterful' dance routine; onelegged Whiny Tim; sprout stew and scratchy voices a plenty.

Thank you to all those involved this year. Wonder what delights next year will bring ..?

9K– Beauty and the Banter

When beauty pageants go horribly wrong! A bevvy of princes and princesses meet to fight for the title of 'The Most Beautiful' in all the land. We saw a domestic between Aladdin and Jasmine, Prince Charming performing some funky dance moves and two enigmatic



- well done!

9B – Snow White

The evil step-mother really didn't like Snow White and so arranged with her flashy new magic mobile phone, to have her killed! However, the huntsman, who had a big heart, couldn't bring himself to kill the beautiful Snow. He sent her off to live with the 6 dwarfs and the lanky one in the forest. Snow and Lanky fell in love only for that love to be destroyed by the evil step-mother with the help of a poisonous apple. Madness then ensued once Prince Charming came along and tried to help fix things! A rip-roaring rollercoaster of a performance from Pip King and a delightful Snow White from

Becky Jenks. A truly dim Prince Charming from Prince Charming and lots of cute dwarfs!

Fantastic 9B - I'd expect nothing less of you!



Curriculum Day : 27th January 2016

Year 7: As part of the PSHCE and RE curriculum, a special visit was arranged for Year 7 students to visit two places of worship in Smethwick: the Holy Trinity Church and Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara.

Students gained an insight into different forms of spirituality and the role these buildings play in a multi-cultural community within Britain. Students were able to experience different faiths and cultures and an urban environment.





Year 8: To support the work being done in Art, Year 8 students had the opportunity to visit the Wolverhampton Art Gallery and Bilston Craft Centre.

Students took part in two practical art workshops at the venues linked to the art collection. Students had a guided tour and took part in a discussion activity.

"In the Wolverhampton art gallery we looked at really cool pop art, there was a model of King Kong and loads of paintings by the artists Roy Lichinstien and Andy Warhol, it was very attractive to look at and it felt like it was in your face because of how bright it was." Louis Bloor and Alex Pardoe, 8K

"We enjoyed the dressing up and looking at the things in the art gallery." Egija Solodovnikova and Emma Jones, 8K



"At the craft centre we constructed clay moulds, engraving the bottoms with Celtic patterns before filling them with plaster of Paris.

Whilst waiting for the plaster to set we learnt about to pack an egg safely (or not). Once packed they were thrown



onto the floor to see whether the egg cracked or shattered." Jack Doust and Elijah Hall, 8K

"One of the most inspirational things about the Gurdwara was the praying/worshipping. We went into a room and lined up to kneel down. I thought this was good because it showed respect." Emily Rowson, 7K

"When we arrived we were greeted by a man who had been a Sikh all his life. Firstly, when we were waiting for him, we saw people praying before they went into the Gurdwara. They bent down on their knees, touched the ground, then their heads, and then lastly they drew a cross on their chest. When we went inside we had to take our shoes off and wear a scarf on our heads. Sikh men wear turbans because it keeps their heads clean." Hannah Fisher, 7B



Year 9: Students visited Chester University for an Open Day. It was a great chance for students to sample university life and gave them a taste for further education in the future.







"Half way through the morning, we went into the big, beautiful, amazing room which contained lots of collections, but mainly Anglo Saxon. We were taken over to the bottom of the room and were told about Terry Herbert! Did you know that Terry is now a millionaire because he found over 32,000 pieces of Anglo Saxon treasure." Isla Davidson and Ella Paddock, 8K

"After lunch, we went into a pop art gallery where we got to look at lots of multiple pop art pictures and talk about why they were



made and who the illustrator of the amazing art was. One of the many excellent design that was in the room was which consisted of a plate of doughnuts, 2 cups of tea and a newspaper." Mollie Lenc, 8K



"To conclude we had an amazing day and learnt so much about the different artists who made Pop Art and even had a go ourselves. We also met Stuart and Ben and they taught us so much about Anglo Saxons. We had an amazing day and would love to go there again." Molly Wigley, 8K

Curriculum Day: 27th January 2016 continued...

CAMBRIDGE

12 students from Year 10 were selected to visit Cambridge University. During the day students were given an introduction to Cambridge University, including a tour of the campus. They also had the opportunity to meet current undergraduate students and take part in a 'question and answer' session with them.

It was a great opportunity for students to gain an insight into university life and to provide an incentive to continue working hard to achieve the very best grades in their examinations.

When we went to Cambridge University we were shown around all of the grounds. We went into the church which was originally built there and were shown one of the 42 libraries that are there. We had a chance to listen to three of the current students and they told us about what it's like to go to Cambridge University.

We learnt that life at university has to be an equal balance between work and fun. Students told us about the different houses they have (like Hogwarts) and how you can ask for help about changing your course if you should need to. There are people at the university that you can talk to if you need advice about anything.

The buildings are amazing! Not all of the buildings are symmetrical. The huge windows and doors are all so unique. The castle is also amazing, and students who stay on the campus can have the opportunity to stay in the castle.

Everyone who we met at the university was lovely and caring, and answered our questions and helped with any queries we had.

Visiting Cambridge University was an amazing experience. It takes your breath away how beautiful it really is! Hannah Pugh, 10K





I really enjoyed my trip to Cambridge; we learnt a lot! Upon arriving at Cambridge University, we walked through the front gate along an immaculately kept path with massive trees on either side. We took a few photos of the scenery and bridges.

We were welcomed in by our tour guide, who took us to a large room where she answered any questions that we had, and showed us a presentation all about dispelling common myths **about Cambridge. We learnt that it isn't as** expensive to go there as we thought, and that rowing is not mandatory!

After a long and interesting talk and question and answer session, we went downstairs to the main **room and were treated to an 'all you can eat'** buffet, stocked with amazing brownies and chicken pieces. We spent half an hour eating and discussing the talk that we had just come out of, and discovered, to our amazement, that the toilets were not in fact made of gold!

We were given a tour of the Cathedral, and short history lesson on the founders of Cambridge, and then we were taken to one of the many libraries. There were computers everywhere, and we had to be really quiet because there were so many people working on projects/coursework.

From the outside and inside, Cambridge really does look like a section of Hogwarts! After a visit to the massive sweet shop which was located just around the corner, we piled back onto the bus, and settled down for a very long journey home.

Overall, I found the trip really interesting and educational. Gabe Newcombe, 10S

GCSE Science Live! Monday 29th February, Alexandra Hall, Birmingham

On 29th February 2016 a group of Year 11 students visited the Alexandra Hall in Birmingham for the annual GCSE Science Live lectures.

We had the fantastic opportunity to see world famous scientists, including Professor Lord Robert Winston and Professor Alice Roberts, discussing their own interests and science that was applicable to the GCSE course.



gcse science

It was a very valuable experience for all who went, as it allowed students to understand the importance of what they had been studying and how it could be used in research to better our own lives. Hopefully it also inspired some talented young scientists to consider a career in science for the future! The students also listened to a talk by an experienced Lead Examiner; who discussed exam-technique and how to avoid common pit falls on exam questions. All in all this

was a hugely rewarding day enjoyed by all! Mrs Lee

FMSP Year 10 Maths Feast, 9th March 2016

Four Year 10 students, Hannah Pugh (10K), Satwika Saran (10S), Tom Blain (10B) and Ashely Cole (10C), took part in the competition against other schools. It involved them working as a team to solve problems, perform calculations and test their Mathematical skills, under time constraints.

They worked extremely well as a team and managed to obtain the "Teamwork" award for their support and help towards each other throughout the whole day. It gave them all an insight into what is involved in degree Mathematics, as some of it even went up to that level!

Congratulations to the students on achieving the "Teamwork" award and for their enthusiasm and hard work on the day!



Students Ashley Cole, Satwika Saran, Hannah Pugh and Tom Blain

Miss Powell



On Friday mornings, during registration, a small group of Year 9 students have been buddied up with Year 7 students. The aim is to improve their maths skills. We use workbooks with a range of maths skills in.

During the time we look at ways to tackle the questions and find the best ways to answer the questions, to suit the student.

UKMT Team Challenge (Keele University)

Two Year 9 students, Henry Morris and Becky Jenks, and two Year 8 students, Mollie Lenc and Michael Edwards, were chosen to take part in the Maths Team challenge at Keele University. The group of 4 had to work together as a team to solve different Maths problems, and answer a variety of rather challenging questions! As very strong Mathematicians, they all showed their excellent skills **and weren't fazed by doing Maths for a whole day!** They all worked extremely well together and showed that working as a team really does pay off, as we came in a very good position against the other 34 schools that were there. *Miss Powell*



World Book Day 2016 110 students shared the fun in the Library on World Book Day, 3rd March 2016.



Key Stage 3 students had 10 Wimpy Kid competitions, whilst Key Stage 4 students helped to decoupage the long bench with Miss Keeling and Mrs Pottinger.

Huge thanks go to the competition judges Mrs Clewlow, Miss Sharp, Miss Peters, Mr Black, Miss Weston, Dr Ward, Mr Lee, Mr Sassano and Mr Saunier. Winners were Lauren Rawlings, Luke Fleet, Ruari O'Boyle, Harrison Paine, Matthew Swain, with James Rowe ,7C

and Chloe Price, 8C scooping up the overall winner prizes.

In 2015, local author Catherine Cooper ran a competition to name one of the characters for The Wichen Tree, the first complete Camelin and Jack Brenin Adventure, a sequel to the very successful Jack Brenin series. Students were given a brief to name a chestnut bay mare. The winner of this competition was Bailey Arnold-Jones, 7C. Everyone loved Bailey's, very creative name, Quiniver. Her prize consisted of a scroll of The Legend of Howling Hill, her own copy of the Wichen Tree, a thank you for inventing the name, and an acknowledgement in the book for her contribution. The last part of Bailey's prize was for Catherine to present copies of the whole series to the school





Catherine says "If you've ever been to the top of the Wrekin and found the Raven's Bowl, you'll know why I chose it as one of the locations. The map in the front was drawn by my husband from our study window. If you anagram Newton Gill you can make Wellington. Glasruhen is a combination of three welsh words and loosely translated means, ancient green hill, which is exactly what the Wrekin is. I also used Salchester (Sal for Salop, and Chester for Roman fort) for Wroxeter. There are lots of examples throughout the series where I've used anagrams or a play on words. All the words of power are either Welsh or Latin."



Overall Winners: Chloe Price, 8C and James Rowe, 7C





Many thanks to the PTA who have kindly donated ten new chess boards. Here are two of the new boards in use.



Year 6 STEM Challenge Day

On Tuesday 15th March 2016, Year 6 teams from our local primary schools were invited to come to Mary Webb School for a science, technology, engineering and maths challenge day. They had been busy researching vehicles of the future back in their schools; looking at fuels for the future and possible ideas to make travel safer by using technology. All schools displayed their findings or presented to the group.

On the day at Mary Webb School, the Year 6 pupils worked with Mrs Mould and Nigel Moore from Young Engineers for the day. They were set two challenges. They made super capacitor cars and were challenged to make them drive in a straight line. We saw who's went the furthest, then finally in a grand finale, which was the speediest! In the afternoon we went explosive with air powered crash-proof vehicles. They designed two rocket cars: one to be blasted off safely, and one to be blasted off with the intention of causing as much destruction as possible! It was an explosive event!

Points were awarded for all these challenges and the winning school was announced. All Year 6 went home with certificates, but the overall winner was Trinity CE Primary School.



The winning team from Trinity CE Primary School

This annual event is very much anticipated by the primary schools and provides a valuable step for transition from primary to secondary school for those Year 6 pupils who could attend.



Youth Speaks The Shrewsbury Rotary Club sponsored two Youth Speaks teams from Mary Webb School to compete in the district finals of the Rotary Youth Speaks competition.

The intermediate team, which consisted of Becky Jenks as chair person, Charlotte Kinsey as main speaker and Nilavan Thipaharan as the vote of thanks, researched and developed a very thought provoking speech on animal cruelty which was presented confidently to a packed audience of judges, rotary members and parents.



The senior team, which consisted of Charlie Howard as chair person, Alex Tompkinson as main speaker and Satwika Saran as the vote of thanks, presented an outstanding speech on miracles which again was extensively researched and sensitively delivered.

Both teams performed brilliantly and were a real credit to the school. The fantastic opportunity to experience public speaking on this prestigious stage, will stand them in good stead for future endeavours in this area.

Page 11 Well done teams! Mrs Jebb

Severndale @ Mary Webb

World Book Day: 3rd March 2016

To celebrate world book day, MW1 and MW2 were inspired by Children's book illustrator Sophy Henn to create scrap books. The students enjoyed finding images from a variety of magazines on which to base their story considering the setting, characters and key events. Chloe wrote about



winning a ballet competition in Paris and Owen wrote about the adventure of an alien who can turn into animals.

Story-Telling Week: 1st-5th February 2016



To celebrate Story-Telling Week, students participated in activities focussed on their favourite books and sharing stories. Some students from the centre visited Severndale Academy to engage younger pupils in classic narratives using expression, puppets and symbols. At the end of the week, students also

participated in a story telling session with local Story-teller Amy Douglas and became animated in the delivery of their own stories and classic fables.

World Maths Day: 2nd March 2016

For World Maths Day we completed a design project based on board games. After some initial research, pupils were set a task of designing a board game that involved a number of maths skills including counting, money and 3D shapes. In the afternoon we carried out an investigation into triangular numbers. We built towers using plastic cups then looked for a pattern in the results.



Here are some examples of what the students at the centre have been doing in the Spring term.

Curriculum Day: 4th February 2016

For this term's curriculum day students took part in various activities. The Entry Level Art group visited the Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery where they took part in an Art workshop focused on 3D clay modelling. All



students produced a 3D clay portrait to add to their portfolio.

Meanwhile the new students to the centre joined Mary Webb to visit a Gurdwara and Holy Trinity Church in Smethwick. They ate lunch in the Gurdwara and learnt about different worships.



Other students stayed at the centre and studied Volcanoes – they incorporated geography, science and design technology to understand the erupting of a volcano and create their own out of paper mache, food colouring, vinegar and bicarbonate of soda.

Visit to The British Ironworks centre: 21st January 2016

As part of the Three Dimensional Animals Project Entry Level Art students visited the British Ironworks Centre in Oswestry. They researched 3D sculptures, explored the grounds and watched the Blacksmith in his workshop. Students created some great work for their portfolios.





In RE, MW3 have developed an understanding of how different faiths worship, focusing on Islam and Christianity. Students had a visit from Ikram from the Shrewsbury Muslim Centre and Mike from the Baptist Church in Pontesbury. This enabled them to find out more about both faiths by posing questions to them focused on prayer, worship, their beliefs and special objects that support their practice. Students were able to gain a greater understanding of both faiths to support their studies in RE.



100% attendance - Spring Term 2016

YFAR 9

Congratulations to all of the following students, from Miss Pugh and Mr Jervis:

YEAR 7

YEAR 8

Buxton, Cerys Davies, Daniel Hindhaugh, George Male, Savannah McWilliam, Isabelle Murtha, Finlay Roberts, Pip Simmons, Lauren Stokes, Oliver Thomas, Nia Connor, Jason Jones, Cloe Morris, Benjamin Paine, Harrison Price, Katie Roberts, Maisie Roberts, Matthew Rowe, James Satoor, Jack Swannick, Aaron Wallace, Jamie Coupey, Alice Driver-Murray, Sophie Gallimore, Wade Marsden, Olivia McPartland, Katie Price, Lara Pugh, Ryan Saveker-Currie, Jai Wakefield, Millie Beesty, Duke Churms, Emily Connor, Sophie Davies, Jack Evans, Ciaran Green, Joseph Harvey, Owen Humphries, Amy Morris, Ellie North, Ruby Potter, Rosie Thomas, Bethany

Connor, Xander Davies, Jay Duffy, Jacob Edwards, Michael Entwistle, Lois Rawlings, Lauren Smith, Robbie Bowen, Branden Cooke, Melody Etherington, Ethan Jones, Jamie Meredith, Ella Millard, Sean Morrell, Adam Morris, Annie Parry, Edwin Raven, Isobel Varley, Danni Worrall, Joshua Davidson, Isla Doust, Jack Evans, Jack Holloway, Millie Pardoe, Alex Andrews, Jamie Boswell, Jack Davies, Elisha Garrett, Lucy Hanmer, Sophie Hayward, Abigail Heath, Natasha Knox Allman, Finlay McGarry, Alexander Montero, Junnalyn Norton, Freddie Pryce, Matthew Richards, Megan Trevitt-Downes, Matthew

Howland, Alice Johnson, Rachael Knight, Fin Lloyd, Ryan Roberts, Claudia Davies, Skye Dela Cruz, Beverly Farndon, Kefren Guven, Yasmin Hanmer, Rob Morris, Henry Nielsen, Joshua Willett, Josh Caswell, Alexander Davies, Billy Morgan, Alicia North, Alfie Phillips, Morgan Scott, Sophie Thipaharan, Nilavan Hecht, Jonas Kendall, Laura

YEAR 11

Jenks, Robbie Link, Edward MacDonald, Lonnie Middle, Steven Grainger, Theo Iddison, Cian Randles, Heather Thipaharan, Nitharsan Tudor, Caitlin Baines, Sophie Evans, Molly Fielding-Jacobs, Kieran Shields, Eloise Shuker, Zak Stevens, Kelsey Woollaston, Joseph Clark, Kathryn Robertson, Archie Upton, James Vernon, Thomas Wellings, Liam Williams, Owain

Blain, Tom Coutts, Olivia Evans, Rhys Johnson, Tegan Moore, Eryn Morris, Sam Phillips, Lucy Smith, Arron Tudor, Jack Williams, Oliver Andrews, Dan Cole, Ashlev Emmerson, Sam Hervey, Oliver Mapp, Oliver Middleton, Ben Sauer, Oliver Seeney, Jamie White, Thomas Wieczorkiewicz, Nina Best, Hannah Cross, Matthew Greenside, Anna Henrich, Eva McIntosh, Katherine Ormond-Hardern, Robbie Potter, Milly Ryan, Robert Shingler, Jessica Tompkinson, Alexander Cox, Chloe Hart, Samuel Hewitt, Maxwell Jones, Katy Locke-Gillon, Andrew McWilliam, Joshua Mitchelmore, Callum Morris, Charlotte Newcombe, Gabe Saran, Satwika Smith, Archie

YEAR 10

STUDENT CHARITY UPDATE

An Eggs.....traordinary amount of Easter eggs were kindly donated for our grand Easter egg raffle. In fact there were over 100 eggs in the raffle, plus 10 huge tubs of celebration chocolates!



Which meant that there were many happy students and staff on Friday 18th March going home with Easter eggs and chocolates that they had won! Of course it is important to mention that the proceeds of the raffle were going to two eggs..cellent causes - Sports Relief and helping to keep Pontesbury local library open.



Not only did we raise money from the raffle, the student charity committee also organised a non-uniform day, and the PE department arranged for all students to take part in the Sports Relief mile. Money has been pouring in with sponsorship forms so well done to all who have contributed to all aspects of our fabulous fund-raising!

As the Spring Webberzine goes to print, the total raised so far is over £2000.

Thank you for your support.



MARY WEBB PTA NEWS

The Mary Webb PTA are looking for new recruits as of September 2016. The position of **Chairman** and **PTA Tote Manager** will be available and we are looking for some keen and enthusiastic volunteers to join the team.

The PTA generally meet once a term to discuss fund raising events for the school and they also help to provide refreshments during school showcase evenings. If you are interested in either of the two roles or would just like to be part of the PTA please contact the school on : 01743 792100.

Please find below a summary from the current Tote Manager as to what the role involves. If you require any further information before committing to either role, our current PTA team will be more than happy to speak to you.

"This is a nice job to do, raising funds for books for the accelerated reading scheme. It involves checking the bank statements each month for standing order entries then updating the list of draw entries, passing the list on to the school, (who actually do the draw) then sending out the prize cheques to the winners. Accounts have to be kept (basic and very straightforward) and reminders sent to those who pay yearly. Overall, it doesn't take very long - I'd say it is a case of spending about an hour (all told) per month, although at the start it took me a little longer - just because I was not used to it. The worst part? The 'getting round to it' feeling before I start. The best part? Sending out the prizes and writing the school's cheque out at the end of the year to buy more books." Mrs McBride

STEM Curriculum Day - 17th March 2016

This year's STEM Curriculum Day took place on Thursday 17th March 2016. The day was designed to showcase how science, engineering, technology and maths impacts on our everyday lives, and shapes our daily decisions. The aim was to raise awareness of many branches during the day and inspire students by meeting many STEM Ambassadors using these subjects in their jobs.

Year 7 - Aeronautical and Mechanical Engineering

Students explored flight, building their own streamlined places with the science department, and had the opportunity to see an RAF helicopter which visited the school.

Students also built robots with the Technology department.

Some other Year 7 students visited the Manchester University Engineering department.

Year 8 - Engineering for Fun

Students visited Thinktank, the award winning science museum in Birmingham, and included a visit to the planetarium to watch a show about astronomy and space.

Year 9 - Engineering in Sport and in Real Life

Students spent half of their day skateboarding and cycling on skating ramps, considering the engineering behind the slopes and wheels. Students also spent time using the trampoline to explore inertia and force.

Students had the opportunity to meet with a host of STEM Ambassadors who aimed to inspire and help students see the relevance and importance of Maths in their work.



Students took part in two activities during the day. They had the opportunity to construct giant roller coasters, working with the Engineering Development Trust, and were able to produce a necklace that contained their own DNA with the Science department.

A small group of Year 10 students worked with a visiting graffiti artist and Miss Keeling to produce new graffiti boards for the school. The artist's work can be seen at: http://www.olasart.com











Year 11 students visited the cinema as part of their GCSE preparation. The students watched a special showing of 'Of Mice and Men' and 'An Inspector Calls'.

This was a valuable opportunity to assist in **all students' revision for** their upcoming Literature exams, as it gave them a visual experience of each text on the big screen.

MUSIC AT MARY WEBB

CONGRATUIATIONS to the following students who have passed their Music exams in the Spring term:

George Garrett (8K)
Grace Garrett (8S)
Lucy Garrett (8S)
Elijah Hall (8K)
Abi Marshall (7B)
Lee Holloway (8K)
Nye Jones (9B)
Jack Thompson (8B)
Kristian Blyth (10S)
Annie Morris (8C)
Billy Davies (9K)

Grade 4 ClarinetGrade 4 ClarinetGrade 4 Clarinet

- : Grade 1 Drums with Distinction
- : Grade 1 Drums
- : Grade 1 Drums
- : Grade 2 Drums
- : Grade 2 Drums with Merit
- : Grade 3 Drums with Merit
- : Grade 3 Drums with Distinction
- Grade 2 Guitar with Distinction





Minsterley Eisteddfod Saturday 19th March 2016

This year's competition and standard of singing was very high from all choirs that took part. With the hard work and dedication of MW Choir, we achieved an amazing 2nd place! Well done to the following students:

Millie Holloway (8K), Chloe Price (8C), Melody

Cooke (8C), Annie Morris (8C), Megan Allen-Brown (8C), Megan Richards (8S), Kate Heathorn (8C), Estelle Mole (8C), Rob Hanmer (9C), Bethany Thomas (7S), Jack Thompson (8B), Owen Evenson (Severndale), Savannah Male (7B) and Josh Willett (9C).

Music Clubs : Sumer Term 2016				
	Lunchtime	After School		
Monday	New Jazz Band (12.30-1.15pm)	-		
Tuesday	-	Key Stage 4 support (3.15-4.15pm)		
Wednesday	-	-		
Thursday	-	Key Stage 4 support (3.15 - 4.15pm)		
Friday	Boys Voices (12.30-1.15pm)	Choir (3.15-4.15pm)		

Our annual Junior Scientists for Year 6 pupils started in November and continued until the February

half term. Around 80 Year 6 pupils attended each week from our local primary schools. As always, it has been very active with exciting hands-on science helping them to get to know each other and also the Mary Webb School science staff and student helpers. We have been making and lighting sparklers, creating flying teabags, investigating floating and sinking and shooting popping rockets in to the sky! Every week there were spectacular demonstrations led by Miss Hall which had everyone gasping in wonder.

Junior Scientists is a valuable part of Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3 transition for our school. Following our Open Evening in October, it gives Year 6 pupils a chance to start to get to know the school building, school staff and each other. Parents of Year 6 tell us that it is one of the most important stages in transition in helping their children feel confident about starting secondary school. This helps them settle in well with us next September and to get off to a flying academic start. Mrs Mould



















Owen Harvey (7S)

My name is Owen Harvey and I'm training to be a paramedic for St John's Ambulance.



In January I completed two weekend courses on medical waste disposal, bandages, wounds, cuts, serious injuries and paperwork.

At the end of it all we were given a medical emergency scenario, which we were tested on. Afterwards I learnt that I passed, which now gives me permission to use a defibrillator.

House Captains 2015-16

BARCELONA



Hi. We are Daniel and Lara, the House Captains for Barcelona.

Congratulations to the students listed

below who have achieved Student of the Month for Barcelona house this term.

A special mention to Lauren Rawlings. 8B for gaining the most Barcelona house points for this term. Overall, we are standing in 3rd place. Come on Barcelona, earn those points!



Hi. We are Theo and Caitlin, the House Captains for Casablanca

Casablanca. Congratulations to

the students listed below how have achieved Student of the Month for Casablanca house this term.

A special mention to Edwin Parry, 8C for gaining the most Casablanca house points for this term.

Our overall standing is 4th. Let's start our surge for house points, we can still win!

Daniel Fleet & Lara Jones



Hi. We are Joseph and Sophie, the House Captains for Kathmandu.

Congratulations to the students listed below who have achieved Student of the Month for Kathmandu house this term.

A special mention to Millie Holloway, 8K for gaining the most Kathmandu house points for this term.

We are currently in 2nd place. Let's continue to gain as many house points as possible, we want to win!



Joseph Woollaston & Sophie Baines



Mathew Alcock & Ellie Cole

Hi. We are Matty and Ellie, the House Captains for Svdney

Congratulations to the students listed below who have achieved Student of the Month for Sydney house this term.

A special mention to Vita Solodovnikova, 9S for gaining the most Sydney house points for this term.

Overall we are standing in 1st place. Keep up the good work everyone !



Well done to all of the following students who have been awarded certificates during the Spring term:

7B	8B	9B	10B	11B
Abi Marshall	Millie Corfield	Ben Woollaston	Oliver Williams	Hannah Butler
Harry Price	Keely Jones	Rebekah Burton	Lucy Phillips	Doug Hamilton
7C	8C	9C	10C	11C
Bailey Arnold-Jones	Adam Morrell	Henry Morris	Nick Roberts	Ryan Palmer
Jack Jones	Lillie Ratcliffe	Millie Batchelor	Jamie Seeney	Caitlin Tudor
7K	8K	9K	10K	11K
7K Lara Price	8K Ella Paddock	9K Billy Davies	10K Evie Jones	11K Marianne Williams
Lara Price	Ella Paddock	Billy Davies	Evie Jones	Marianne Williams
Lara Price	Ella Paddock	Billy Davies	Evie Jones	Marianne Williams
Lara Price Nathan Yeomans	Ella Paddock Millie Holloway	Billy Davies Matthew Swain	Evie Jones Robbie Ormond-Hardern	Marianne Williams Jack Gwyther
Lara Price Nathan Yeomans 7S	Ella Paddock Millie Holloway 8S	Billy Davies Matthew Swain	Evie Jones Robbie Ormond-Hardern 10S	Marianne Williams Jack Gwyther 11S





Year 7 Battle of Hastings

As part of their studies, students in Year 7 have been re-enacting the Battle of Hastings. Over Christmas they designed and made swords and shields ready to be used in the battle.

"It was fun when we all battled each other. 7S and I learnt that Harold might have died by an arrow in the eye. Also he kept retreating and killing the English men (William's plan)."



"I learnt why William won because he turned around and ran. It was fun to make the sword and shield."

Castles Project Year 7 students were given an extended homework over a couple of weeks. They had to independently learn about and research different types of castles. Their final task was to make and bring in a representation of their castle.



The students spoke about what they had learnt and what they enjoyed whilst completing this project. The models, pictures (and cakes!) were fantastic.







We would like to thank parents and carers for their support.

Geography

YEAR 9 - **"Dharavi -** the largest slum in India"

Students have been investigating Dharavi, a fascinating area in Mumbai, India. We have been working in conjunction with the English department to



develop their Geographical descriptions, extended writing and literacy skills.



"Dharavi, a dirty, toxic dump or is it a place of beauty and colour where people get along with one another and are happy with their lives?"

Gabby Morris, 9B

front of my form. I liked talking in front of everyone, although I was a bit nervous." Jack Satoor, 7C

"It was fun to make the castle. I learnt about Rochester Castle. I spoke about my model in

YEAR 8 - Rivers Fantastic representations of waterfalls were created at home and shown in class. 3D models made from paper, cardboard and Lego, paintings and drawings too. Even waterfall cakes were made and most definitely enjoyed by all! Huge thanks to all students, and helpers at home.



Year 10 Don't forget! Carding Mill Valley Controlled Assessment Fieldwork Visit, Wednesday 13th April.

Bring your wellies!





Year 10 Work Experience 4th - 8th July 2016

70% of our year 10 students have now found their placements for 4th – 8th July 2016, which is fantastic! For those still looking, make the most of your Easter break - contacting companies, asking friends and family for ideas of where to go for your placements. There is a world of opportunity waiting for you.

This term saw the introduction of a new on-line diary system for Work Experience which is called "Navigate". This is an exciting opportunity for students as they will be able to write on-line daily diaries from their mobile phones during work experience week. The system also incorporates a work skills learning area that helps students to assess their employability skills before and after their work experience.



The system has been introduced via Education Business Links, the organisation that checks all of the insurance details for our students placements. These diaries will be an invaluable record for students for when they go on to further education or for when they leave school into the world of work. Employers will also be able to give students feedback from their work experience week and this can be used when applying or jobs or further education.



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SUMMER TERM 2016 DATES

SUMMER TERM STARTS	Monday 11th April 2016
Showcase	Wednesday 13th / Thursday 14th April 2016
Year 9 Trenches Trip	Thursday 21st - Sunday 24th April 2016
Curriculum Day	Friday 29th April 2016
Year 10 London Trip	Friday 29th April - Sunday 1st May 2016
Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May 2016
HALF TERM	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2016
Parents Forum	Wednesday 15th June 2016
Year 7 Parents Evening	Thursday 16th June 2016
Year 11 Prom	Wednesday 29th June 2016
Year 7 Camp	Friday 1st July - Sunday 3rd July 2016
Year 6 Induction Days	Monday 4th July / Tuesday 5th July 2016
Year 6 Induction Evening	Thursday 7th July 2016
Curriculum Day	Friday 8th July 2016
Sports Day	Tuesday 12th July 2016
Awards Evening	Wednesday 13th July 2016
Year 10 Reports Home	Thursday 14th July 2016
Showcase	Tuesday 19th July 2016
SUMMER TERM ENDS	Friday 22nd July 2016

*Please check the school website for the most up to date information.



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